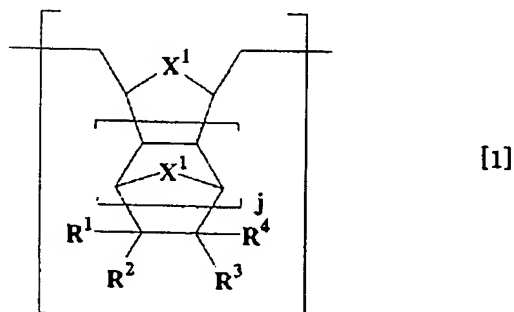


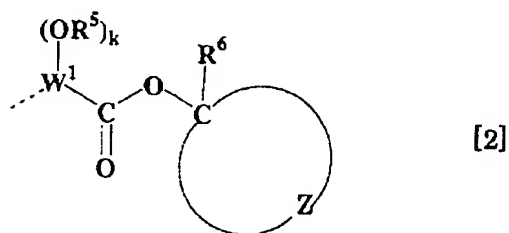
WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A hydrogenated ring-opening metathesis polymer which contains, if necessary, a structural unit [A] of the following general formula [1]:



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[wherein, at least one of R¹ to R⁴ represents a functional group having a tertiary ester group of a cyclic alkyl of the following general formula [2]:



10 (wherein, the chain line represents a connecting means. R⁵ represents a hydrogen atom, a linear, branched or cyclic alkyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms, a linear, branched or cyclic alkoxyalkyl group having 2 to 10 carbon atoms, or a linear, branched or cyclic acyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms. R⁶ represents a linear, branched or cyclic alkyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms. W¹ represents a

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single bond or a (k+2)-valent hydrocarbon group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms.) Z represents a divalent hydrocarbon group having 2 to 15 carbon atoms, and forms a single ring or a cross-linked ring together with carbon atoms to be bonded.

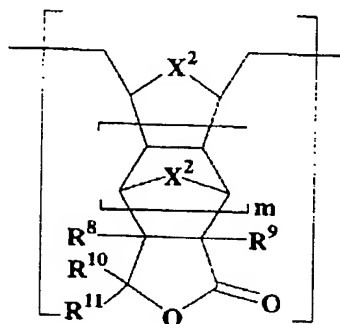
5 k represents 0 or 1.) and the remaining groups of R^1 to R^4 are selected each independently from a hydrogen atom, linear, branched or cyclic alkyl groups having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, halogens, linear, branched or cyclic halogenated alkyl groups having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, linear, branched or

10 cyclic alkoxy groups having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, linear, branched or cyclic alkoxyalkyl groups having 2 to 20 carbon atoms, linear, branched or cyclic alkylcarbonyloxy groups having 2 to 20 carbon atoms, arylcarbonyloxy groups having 6 to 20 carbon atoms, linear, branched or cyclic alkylsul-

15 fonyloxy groups having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, branched or cyclic alkylsulfonyloxy groups, arylsulfonyloxy groups having 6 to 20 carbon atoms, linear, branched or cyclic alkoxycarbonyl groups having 2 to 20 carbon atoms, or linear, branched or cyclic alkoxycarbonylalkyl groups having 3

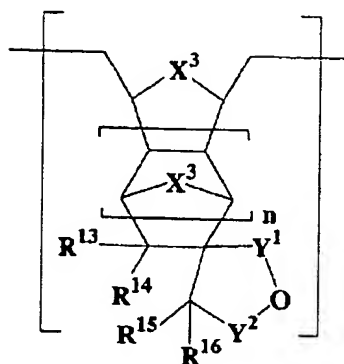
20 to 20 carbon atoms, and X^1 s may be the same or different and represent -O- or $-CR^7_2-$ (wherein, R^7 represents a hydrogen atom or a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms.) j represents an integer of 0 or 1 to 3., and contains at least a structural unit [B] of the

25 following general formula [3]:



[3]

[wherein, R^8 to R^{11} each independently represent a hydrogen atom or a linear, branched or cyclic alkyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms, and X^2 s may be the same or different and represent $-O-$ or $-CR^{12}_2-$ (wherein, R^{12} represents a hydrogen atom or a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms.). m represents an integer of 0 or 1 to 3.], and/or a structural unit [C] of the following general formula [4]:



[4]

[wherein, R^{13} to R^{16} each independently represent a hydrogen atom or a linear, branched or cyclic alkyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms, and X^3 s may be the same or different

and represent -O- or -CR¹⁷₂- (wherein, R¹⁷ represents a hydrogen atom or a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms.). One of Y¹ and Y² represents -(C=O)- and the other of Y¹ and Y² represents -CR¹⁸₂- (wherein, R¹⁸ represents a hydrogen atom or a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms.). n represents an integer of 0 or 1 to 3.,

wherein at least one of X¹ in the structural unit [A] of the general formula [1], X² in the structural unit [B] of the general formula [3] and X³ in the structural unit [C] of the general formula [4] represents -O-, and the molar ratio of [A]/([B] and [C]) is 0/100 to 99/1, and the ratio of the weight-average molecular weight Mw to the number-average molecular weight Mn (Mw/Mn) is 1.0 to 2.0.

2. The hydrogenated ring-opening metathesis polymer according to Claim 1 wherein the molar ratio of the structural unit [A] of the general formula [1] to the structural unit [B] of the general formula [3] and the structural unit [C] of the general formula [4] ([A]/([B] and [C])) is 25/75 to 90/10.

3. The hydrogenated ring-opening metathesis polymer according to Claim 1 wherein the molar ratio of the struc-

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tural unit [A] of the general formula [1] to the structural unit [B] of the general formula [3] and the structural unit [C] of the general formula [4] ($[A]/([B] \text{ and } [C])$) is 30/70 to 85/15.

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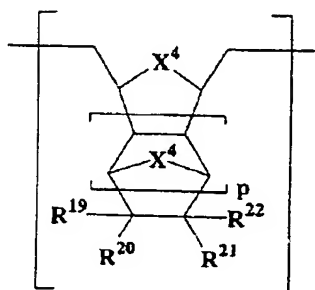
4. The hydrogenated ring-opening metathesis polymer according to Claim 1 wherein at least one of X^1 in the structural unit [A] of the general formula [1], X^2 in the structural unit [B] of the general formula [3] and X^3 in
10 the structural unit [C] of the general formula [4] represents -O-, and the others represent -CH₂-.

5. The hydrogenated ring-opening metathesis polymer according to Claim 1 wherein a functional group having a
15 tertiary ester group of a cyclic alkyl of the general formula [2] selected as at least one of R^1 to R^4 in the general formula [1] is a 1-alkylcyclopentyl ester, 1-alkylnorbotnyl ester or 2-alkyl-2-adamantyl ester.

20 6. The hydrogenated ring-opening metathesis polymer according to Claim 1 wherein W^1 in the general formula [2] represents a single bond.

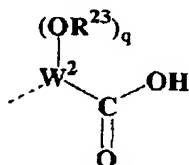
7. The hydrogenated ring-opening metathesis polymer
25 according to Claim 1 wherein the material further contains,

if necessary, a structural unit [D] of the following general formula [5]:



[5]

[wherein, at least one of R¹⁹ to R²² represents a functional group having a carboxyl group of the following general formula [6]:



[6]

(wherein, the chain line represents a connecting means. R²³ represents a hydrogen atom, a linear, branched or cyclic alkyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms, a linear, branched or cyclic alkoxyalkyl group having 2 to 10 carbon atoms, or a linear, branched or cyclic acyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms. W² represents a single bond or a (k+2)-valent hydrocarbon group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms. q represents 0 or 1.) and the remaining groups of R¹⁹ to R²² are selected each independently from a hydrogen atom,

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linear, branched or cyclic alkyl groups having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, halogens, linear, branched or cyclic halogenated alkyl groups having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, linear, branched or cyclic alkoxy groups having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, linear, branched or cyclic alkoxyalkyl groups having 2 to 20 carbon atoms, linear, branched or cyclic alkylcarbonyloxy groups having 2 to 20 carbon atoms, arylcarbonyloxy groups having 6 to 20 carbon atoms, linear, branched or cyclic alkylsulfonyloxy groups having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, branched or cyclic alkylsulfonyloxy groups, arylsulfonyloxy groups having 6 to 20 carbon atoms, linear, branched or cyclic alkoxycarbonyl groups having 2 to 20 carbon atoms, or linear, branched or cyclic alkoxycarbonylalkyl groups having 3 to 20 carbon atoms, and X^4 s may be the same or different and represent $-O-$ or $-CR^{24}_2-$ (wherein, R^{24} represents a hydrogen atom or a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms.). p represents an integer of 0 or 1 to 3.].

20 8. The hydrogenated ring-opening metathesis polymer according to Claim 7 wherein the molar ratio of the structural unit [A] of the general formula [1], the structural unit [B] of the general formula [3] and the structural unit [C] of the general formula [4] to the structural unit [D] of the general formula [5] ($[A]+[B]+[C] \div [D]$) is from 100/0

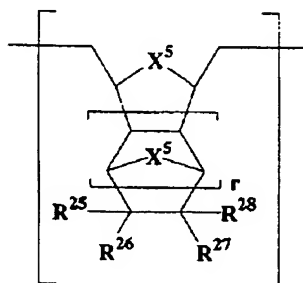
to 20/80.

9. The hydrogenated ring-opening metathesis polymer
according to Claim 7 wherein X^4 in the general formula [5]
5 represents $-O-$ or $-CH_2-$.

10. The hydrogenated ring-opening metathesis polymer
according to Claim 7 wherein W^2 in the general formula [6]
represents a single bond.

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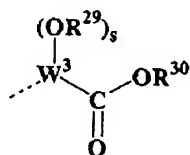
11. The hydrogenated ring-opening metathesis polymer
according to Claim 1 wherein the material further contains,
if necessary, a structural unit [E] of the following gen-
eral formula [7]:



[7]

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[wherein, at least one of R^{25} to R^{28} represents a func-
tional group having a carboxylate group of the following
general formula [8]:



[8]

(wherein, the chain line represents a connecting means. R^{29} represents a hydrogen atom, a linear, branched or cyclic alkyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms, a linear, branched or cyclic alkoxyalkyl group having 2 to 10 carbon atoms, or a linear, branched or cyclic acyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms. R^{30} represents a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms, a linear, branched or cyclic alkoxyalkyl group having 2 to 10 carbon atoms, or a linear, branched or cyclic halogenated alkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms. W^3 represents a single bond or a (k+2)-valent hydrocarbon group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms. s represents 0 or 1.) and the remaining groups of R^{25} to R^{28} are selected each independently from a hydrogen atom, linear, branched or cyclic alkyl groups having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, halogens, linear, branched or cyclic halogenated alkyl groups having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, linear, branched or cyclic alkoxy groups having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, linear, branched or cyclic alkoxyalkyl groups having 2 to 20 carbon atoms, linear, branched or cyclic alkylcarbonyloxy groups having 2 to 20 carbon atoms, arylcarbonyloxy groups having 6 to 20 carbon atoms, linear, branched or cyclic alkylsul-

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fonyloxy groups having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, branched or cyclic alkylsulfonyloxy groups, arylsulfonyloxy groups having 6 to 20 carbon atoms, linear, branched or cyclic alkoxycarbonyl groups having 2 to 20 carbon atoms, or linear, branched or cyclic alkoxycarbonylalkyl groups having 3 to 20 carbon atoms, and X^5 s may be the same or different and represent $-O-$ or $-CR^{31}_2-$ (wherein, R^{31} represents a hydrogen atom or a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms.). r represents an integer of 0 or 1 to 3.].

12. The hydrogenated ring-opening metathesis polymer according to Claim 11 wherein the molar ratio of the structural unit [A] of the general formula [1], the structural unit [B] of the general formula [3] and the structural unit [C] of the general formula [4] to the structural unit [E] of the general formula [7] ($[A]+[B]+[C])/[E]$ is from 100/0 to 40/60.

13. The hydrogenated ring-opening metathesis polymer according to Claim 11 wherein X^5 in the general formula [7] represents $-O-$ or $-CH_2-$.

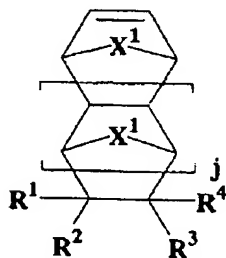
14. The hydrogenated ring-opening metathesis polymer according to Claim 11 wherein W^3 in the general formula [7]

represents a single bond.

15. The hydrogenated ring-opening metathesis polymer according to Claim 11 wherein the number-average molecular weight in terms of polystyrene measured by GPC is from 500 to 200,000.

16. A method of producing a hydrogenated ring-opening metathesis polymer of Claim 1, comprising

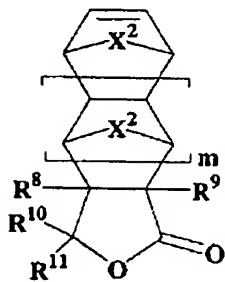
10 using, if necessary, a cyclic olefin monomer of the following general formula [9]:



[9]

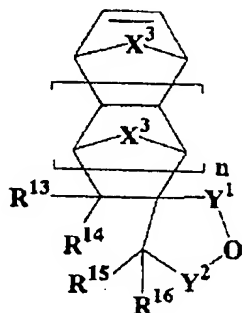
(wherein, R^1 to R^4 , X^1 and j are as defined in Claim 1.)

15 and, at least a cyclic olefin monomer of the following general formula [10]:



[10]

(wherein, R^8 to R^{11} , X^2 and m are as defined in the general formula [3] in Claim 1.) and/or a cyclic olefin monomer of the following general formula [11]:



[11]

- 5 (wherein, R^{13} to R^{16} , X^3 , Y^1 , Y^2 and n are as defined in the general formula [4] in Claim 1.), wherein at least one of X^1 in the general formula [9], X^2 in the general formula [10] and X^3 in the general formula [11] represents $-O-$, and polymerizing these monomers with a ring-opening me-
- 10 tathesis catalyst, and hydrogenating the resulted polymer in the presence of a hydrogenation catalyst.

17. The production method according to Claim 16 wherein the charging molar ratio of a cyclic olefin monomer of the general formula [9] to a cyclic olefin monomer of
- 15 the general formula [10] and a cyclic olefin monomer of the general formula [11] is from 0/100 to 99/1.

18. The production method according to Claim 16
- 20 wherein the charging molar ratio of a cyclic olefin monomer

of the general formula [9] to a cyclic olefin monomer of the general formula [10] and a cyclic olefin monomer of the general formula [11] is from 25/75 to 90/10.

5 19. The production method according to Claim 16 wherein at least one of X^1 in a cyclic olefin monomer of the general formula [9], X^2 in a cyclic olefin monomer of the general formula [10] and X^3 in a cyclic olefin monomer of the general formula [11] represents -O-, and the others
10 represent $-CH_2-$.

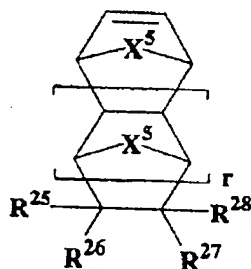
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20. The production method according to Claim 16 wherein a functional group having a tertiary ester group of a cyclic alkyl of the general formula [2] selected as at
15 least one of R^1 to R^4 in the general formula [9] is a 1-alkylcyclopentyl ester, 1-alkylnorbotnyl ester or 2-alkyl-2-adamantyl ester.

21. The production method according to Claim 16
20 wherein at least part of a tertiary ester group of a cyclic alkyl in the general formula [2] is decomposed, after hydrogenation, into a carboxyl group.

22. The production method according to Claim 16
25 wherein the method further uses a cyclic olefin monomer of

the following general formula [12]:



[12]

(wherein, R^{25} to R^{28} , X^5 and r are as defined in the general formula [7] in Claim 11.).

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23. The production method according to Claim 22 wherein at least part of an ester group is decomposed, after hydrogenation, into a carboxyl group.

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24. The production method according to Claim 16 wherein the ring-opening metathesis catalyst is a living ring-opening metathesis catalyst.

25. The production method according to Claim 16 wherein polymerization is conducted with a living ring-opening metathesis catalyst in the presence of an olefin or diene.